

of 205–91, and, perhaps most importantly, his leadership on and off the field has impacted the lives of countless students in Northwest Florida.

His inspiration and dedication to improving the lives of those around him, however, is not limited to the playing field, track, or in the weight room, but rather extends far beyond into the larger Northwest Florida community. Coach Lindsey has sponsored the Fellowship of Christian Athletes for 30 years and serves as a deacon at Olive Baptist Church in Pensacola, Florida. Additionally, in 1993, Coach Lindsey initiated the Patriot Pal program, a mentoring program that continues to exist today and pairs football players with elementary school students.

As evidenced by his tremendous success, Coach Lindsey has much to be proud of and can look back on a well accomplished career. His strong leadership and passion for coaching may have led him to achieve what many coaches can only hope to throughout their coaching careers, and though his accomplishments are many, Coach Lindsey's greatest accomplishment is his children and grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate Coach Mickey Lindsey on his well-earned retirement after 39 years of dedicated service to public education and thank him for his commitment to service and inspiration to the Northwest Florida community. My wife Vicki and I wish him; his wife, Gayle; daughter Jessica and son-in-law Matt, son Jay and daughter-in-law Carrie, as well as his grandchildren Jayden and Avery all the best for continued success.

HONORING BENTWORTH HIGH  
SCHOOL FOR RECEIVING THE NA-  
TIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS  
PROGRAM RECOGNITION

**HON. BILL SHUSTER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2015*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bentworth High School for receiving the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognition.

Since 1982, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program has celebrated schools that have either made significant improvements or achieved an outstanding level of school-wide performance. This year, only 335 schools in the United States were honored with this distinction, including the 9th District's Bentworth High School. In order to achieve this distinction, schools must earn test scores that illustrate advanced or strongly improving academic achievement.

Supporting a hard working student population of about 400, fewer than 50 dedicated teachers and personnel have worked together to increase overall academic achievement at Bentworth. Using strategies to help identify economically disadvantaged students and embracing its relatively small size, Bentworth High School and its surrounding community have provided students with a uniquely personalized educational experience. Furthermore, this involved approach has enabled Bentworth High to provide its students with a challenging curriculum, specialized support

services, and valuable extracurricular programs.

Today it is my privilege to congratulate Bentworth High School for its National Blue Ribbon Schools recognition. I'm also proud to highlight the dedicated effort of all those who helped earn this award as it illustrates the spirit of the 9th Congressional District of Pennsylvania.

FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION  
PROGRAMS IN AFRICA

**HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2015*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week I convened a hearing on the topic of food security and nutrition programs in Africa. I am the sponsor of the Global Food Security Act of 2015, a bill which in its prior iteration passed the House of Representatives. The Global Food Security Act, H.R. 1567, will help provide a long-term strategy to combat global hunger by authorizing the existing national food security initiative coordinated by USAID commonly known as Feed the Future. It is a bill with broad bipartisan support, including the original co-sponsorship of my friend and colleague KAREN BASS as well as Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman ED ROYCE and Ranking Member ELIOT ENGEL.

Investing in global food security is a policy that is both penny wise and pound wise.

This program strengthens nutrition, especially for children during that critical first 1000-day window, from conception to the child's second birthday.

Indeed, there is perhaps no wiser investment that we could make in the human person than to concentrate on ensuring that sufficient nutrition and health assistance is given during the first one thousand days of life: A thousand days that begins with conception, continues throughout pregnancy, includes the milestone of birth and then finishes at roughly the second birthday of the child.

Children who do not receive adequate nutrition in utero are more likely to experience life-long cognitive and physical deficiencies, such as stunting. UNICEF estimates that one in four children worldwide is stunted due to lack of adequate nutrition.

By addressing nutrition during the first 1000 days of life, we help lay the groundwork that the next 25,000 days—or whatever the number is that our Creator has allotted—are filled with good health.

As the three witnesses at the hearing attested, enhancing food security is also transformational in the lives of millions of small-holder farmers throughout the world, particularly women. Feed the Future teaches small-scale farmers techniques to increase agricultural yield, thereby helping nations achieve food security, something that is in the national security interest of the United States as well.

It is also economical in the long run, and should lead to a reduction in the need for emergency food aid. The approach we have taken in the Global Food Security Act is fiscally disciplined, authorizing an amount for 2016 which is less than what we appropriated for food security programs in 2014. USAID is nevertheless able to do more with less by

leveraging our aid with that of other countries, the private sector, NGOs and, especially faith-based organizations, whose great work on the ground in so many different countries impacts so many lives, and who were ably represented at the hearing by Carolyn Woo of Catholic Relief Services.

By statutorily authorizing this existing program, which had its roots in the Bush administration and was formalized by President Obama, we are also increasing our oversight by requiring the administration to report to Congress.

Political will is absolutely essential to enacting a global food security policy that will continue. Such interventions in the lives of so many people in Africa, particularly in the first 1000 days of life, are not only cost-effective but morally imperative.

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO'S  
NURSE PRACTITIONER PRO-  
GRAM'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. DIANA DeGETTE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 9, 2015*

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the 50th anniversary of the University of Colorado's Nurse Practitioner program. In 1965, CU College of Nursing professor Loretta Ford and CU School of Medicine professor Henry Silver came together to create the nation's first nurse practitioner training program. Motivated by a desire to increase access to pediatric care in underserved rural and urban communities, they sought to expand and empower the role of nurses on the front lines of health care. Their efforts led to the establishment of the nation's modern advanced practice nursing workforce.

Their idea caught fire in 1966 when Time Magazine profiled one of the programs first graduates, Sue Stearly, who was successfully practicing in the small town of Trinidad, Colorado. Time called CU students "a new breed of nurse." By 1973, sixty-five nurse practitioner training programs existed across the country. Today there are more than 205,000 nurse practitioners in the United States making more than 916 million patient visits per year according to the American Association of Nurse Practitioners. Today's nurse practitioners diagnose and treat patients in a variety of primary, acute, and specialty care settings. They are essential to meeting this country's healthcare workforce needs. According to Colorado Health Careers, within the next decade, nurse practitioners and clinical nurse specialists will be among the nation's ten fastest-growing occupations. Nurse practitioners from the CU College of Nursing are at work across America. The College of Nursing's Pediatric Nurse Practitioner program continues to be one of the strongest in the country, and today the college leads the way with a variety of specialized nurse practitioner programs in fields such as psychiatric mental health and women's health.

On October 2nd, the CU College of Nursing, along with the CU School of Medicine, celebrated the 50th Anniversary of their groundbreaking Nurse Practitioner Program. I invite you to join me in honoring the efforts of pioneering educators Loretta Ford and Henry